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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 12, 2002 (Paper No. 6), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows.